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### COMMENTS:

Attached for filing in connection with application serial number 10/826,883 by Robert E. Smith III filed 4/16/2004 and entitled "Junction Plate for Subsea Hydraulic Couplings" is:

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Robert E. Smith III

Serial Number: 10/826,883

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For: JUNCTION PLATE FOR SUBSEA  
HYDRAULIC COUPLINGS§  
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Confirmation No. 1438

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed 11/30/2006 in connection with the captioned application.

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